

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 9, 2005

MINUTES

1. Called to order at 8:30 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.
2. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda
3. Approval of May 13, 2005, June 17, and July 8, 2005 Minutes
 - Approval of May 13, 2005 minutes – Doug Goad, 2nd Paul Davis
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 - Approval of June 17, 2005 minutes – Doug Goad, 2nd Paul Davis
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 - Approval of July 8, 2005 minutes – Doug Goad, 2nd Paul Davis
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4. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jason Hemmens
 - We are going to be having a large Health Fair at the Spring Valley Community Center on Saturday, November 19, 2005. This should be a large event and we already have businesses and members of the community stepping up and wanting to participate.
 - We were just awarded a grant for the Outdoor Adventure Program for the San Pasqual Academy. We will be doing the same type of field trips and community service projects that we have done with the Lakeside and Spring Valley Teen Centers.
 - These programs are great we start with a pre-trip meeting with the kids and parents, but it is mostly focused on the kids and how to pack for the trip, what the area they are going to have and what they will see. We try to give all of the kids a rewarding and fun experience.
 - The San Elijo Lagoon Days are October 8th and 9th and we will be sending you more information when we get it.
5. National Parks and Recreation Association - Gold Medal Video
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - Strategic Plan Updates – Renée Bahl
 - ◆ What I need from you today is your thoughts and direction on this plan.
 - ◆ We are going to be having a staff meeting on this and I would like to have your comments on the big picture when I go to this meeting to help us start on our revisions.
 - ◆ Kids, Environment and Safe and Livable Communities are the County's 3 initiatives, so those will not change and everything needs to fall into one of these categories.
 - Rick Landavazo – Is there a way to identify regions or areas and be more specific about some of the areas that need more facilities.

- Doug Goad - Is there a way to include more accountability for the goals and focus on the obesity issues.
 - Roger Utt – The environmental education aspect of this is very important because we need these kids to know and understand the environment because they will be the ones protecting it in the future.
 - Jim Peugh – I think that we need something that addresses the acquisition and restoration of lands. It is very important to not only focus on endangered species and habitat but all environmental resources and the protection of them. I also did not see watershed or water protection in the document and that is extremely important. With the increase of the population we need to increase the recreation opportunities as well as the open space.
 - Rick Landavazo –
 - Roger Utt – I think that we should have something about buildings and how we build them, the techniques used and the types of buildings.
 - Rick Landavazo – I think that maybe we could emphasize the bullet about working with the neighborhoods, community groups and volunteers.
 - Jim Peugh - I think that it does make a difference when you work in a park and identify with the park it makes it more meaningful to the person.
 - Rod Groenewold – I think we might need to have something in there about making sure that we have ADA accessibility. It can be a very hot issue and would be good to be thinking ahead.
 - I don't see anything about evaluating how we have done things in the past in relation to maintenance, etc.
 - Rick Landavazo - I don't know to what extent the County uses nutritionists, health professionals, etc and maybe there should be something about this in the planning.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – I don't think that people realize that this committee exists or that there are CSA boards, etc. I think that it might be important to let people know that the County is not just arbitrarily making decision and that they do have these boards and committees of community members that give input and help advise the department on decisions.
 - Jim Peugh – The wording of the bullet about identifying recreation trends is a little confusing and I like the concept, but think it could be worded better.
 - John Degenfelder – I would just like to thank staff for their hard work and answering our questions.
- San Luis Rey Draft Master Plan – Vince Nicoletti
 - ◆ The Bonsall and Fallbrook Planning Groups have both identified the need for parkland in the area. The County Trails Master Plan has also identified the need for trails in this area.
 - ◆ A lot of the area within this corridor has been identified as high habitat land.
 - ◆ The overall goal of this project is to balance the recreational activity with the preservation of the land.
 - ◆ We had four community meetings and twenty smaller focus group meetings to gather input for this project.
 - ◆ We are going to be wrapping up this master plan this month and prepare the guidelines for the project.
 - ◆ We have been working with the City of Oceanside and have come to an agreement to both extend our trail plans to meet each other at the City/County line.

- ◆ We are going to try and have a pathway up near the road to allow the bike community a trail they can use.
 - Rick Landavazo – There is a very successful riverpark in Sacramento that you could look at for an example to help with the development of this park.
- ◆ We have identified nine sites within the corridor for active recreation. We have staggered these active recreation sites to allow people more opportunities for active recreation without having to drive further to get to a site and keep the sites less crowded.
 - Rick Landavazo – I was also wondering about encroachment issues? I know that at Kit Carson park in Escondido there are little pieces of the park that continue to disappear to schools, etc.
- ◆ If Caltrans or someone wants to use these lands they would have to go to US Fish and Wildlife, which would then look at the biological review and if the proposed use does not fit within this it can be denied.
 - Jim Peugh – How much of the green area is already in public ownership?
- ◆ Not that much, we still have a long way to go.
 - Jim Peugh – Has Caltrans offered any assurance that they are going to put any adequate animal corridors in the area?
- ◆ No, they will not commit to anything until they have made a plan.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- ◆ Paul Davis – The club I participate on would like to have someone from Parks and Recreation come and talk at the next meeting. We would also like to link up our City website with the County's website.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.

ATTENDEES:

Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2
 John Degenfelder, District 2
 Doug Goad, District 3
 Paul Davis, District 3
 Roger Utt, District 4
 Jim Peugh, District 4
 Rick Landavazo, District 5
 Rod Groenewold, District 5
 Jason Hemmens, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Renée Bahl, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Vince Nicoletti, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation